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John C. SMITH ) Group Art Unit: 2839  
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Application No.: 10/023,713 ) Examiner: K. Nguyen  
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Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
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For: REINFORCED TIGHT-BUFFERED ) Confirmation No.: 6867  
OPTICAL FIBER AND CABLES )  
MADE WITH SAME )  
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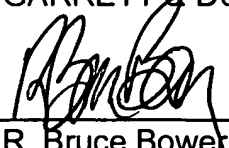
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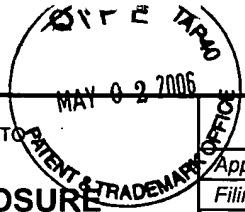
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